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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment.

In the specification: On page 1, line 4, after "application" insert

A1 --is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/045,467 filed March 20, 1998, now allowed, which--.

In the Claims: Cancel claims 1-54, 60-65, and 72-95, without prejudice, amend claims 55, 59, 66, and 71, and add new claims 96 and 97 as follows:

55. (Amended) A method of inhibiting tumor cell growth, comprising

A2 contacting the cells with [human] ovine interferon- τ at a [concentration effective] dosage of at least about 5×10^4 units/day to inhibit growth of the tumor cells.

A3 59. (Amended) A method of claim 55, where said protein contains [the] a sequence selected from the sequences presented as

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